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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 21, 2001. Applicants were provided one month to respond thereto, *i.e.*, on or before April 21, 2001.

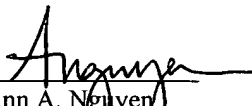
In response, Applicants provisionally elect Invention I, claims 1 and 10 through 33 without traverse, and request that the non-elected claims be cancelled as follows:

I. IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 34 through 36, inclusive, without prejudice.

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